

Adoption/Guardianship Subsidy

What does this appropriation support?

Adoption/Guardianship Subsidy is a financial assistance program available on behalf of children who have special needs and do not have an adoptive family readily available to adopt them or who achieve permanency through guardianship. The program covers maintenance and expenses such as legal costs paid to adoptive parents. Guardianship subsidy and services provide eligible relatives with the same services that an adopted child would receive under the state only funded adoption subsidy and services program. In addition, contracts for the development of resource families are part of the Adoption/Guardianship Subsidy program.

What is the authorization for this program?

State statute: RSMo. 453.005-453.170; Federal: 42 USC Sections 670 and 5101

Is this a federally mandated program?

The federal Child Welfare Act and the federal Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act obligate Missouri to care for children who are abused and neglected.

Are there federal matching requirements?

For expenditure purposes, children and youth receiving services from the Children's Division are grouped into two categories—Homeless Dependent and Neglected (HDN) and IV-E. Expenditures for HDN children and youth are 100% state funded while expenditures on behalf of IV-E children and youth are eligible for federal funding. The IV-E program rate of federal reimbursement is the FMAP (Federal Medical Assistance Percentage). The FMAP fluctuates annually based on state and national economic and population data, but generally the state matching requirements is around 40% and the federal match 60%. There is a 50% state match (50% federal earned) for IV-E administrative costs and 25% state match (75% federal) for IV-E training costs.

What are the expenditures?

	FY 2003 Actual	FY 2004 Actual	FY 2005 Actual	FY 2006 Planned
GR	\$33,211,515	\$42,034,514	\$42,033,511	\$43,807,440
FEDERAL	\$13,169,821	\$18,081,412	\$18,374,865	\$21,691,189
OTHER	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	\$46,381,336	\$60,115,926	\$60,408,376	\$65,498,629

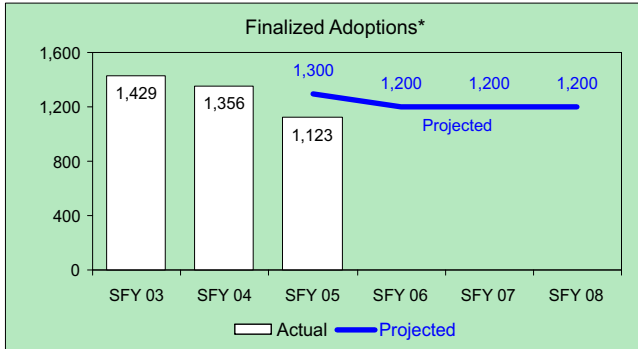
What are the sources of other funds?

Not applicable.

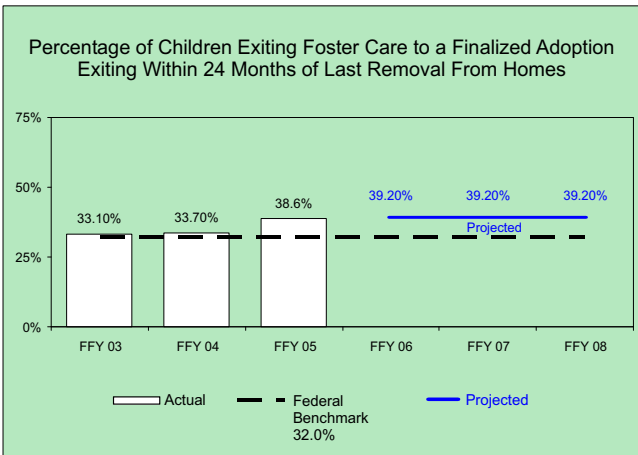
Who is eligible?

Children who are in the care and custody of the Children's Division, Division of Youth Services or the Department of Mental Health.

How many people have been served?



Efficiency and Effectiveness Measure:



*Represents adoptions within 24 months of LS1 (care and custody of Children's Division) entry.